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1. THE INITIAL SCAN OF OLD HEAD MISSION G-196, 18 MARCH 1971, OVER CUBA REVEALED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

2. THE CIENFUEGOS AREA WAS COVERED TWICE BY PHOTOGRAPHY OF GOOD TO FAIR INTERPRETABILITY.

A. SEVEN FRESCO FIGHTERS WERE OBSERVED AT JAIME GONZALES AIRFIELD, JUST EAST NORTHEAST OF CIENFUEGOS. THIS IS THE FIRST OBSERVATION ON PHOTOGRAPHY OF FRESCO AT THIS AIRFIELD.

B. CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY HAS OCCURRED SINCE [REDACTED] AT JAIME GONZALES AIRFIELD. THIS ACTIVITY INCLUDES IMPROVEMENT OF THE NORTHERN END OF THE MAIN RUNWAY, GRADING ADJACENT ON EACH SIDE OF THE MAIN RUNWAY, AND GRADING ON THE EASTERN PORTION OF A FORMER WNW/ESE RUNWAY.

C. AN UGRA-CLASS SUBMARINE TENDER (AS) WAS UNDERWAY IN CIENFUEGOS HARBOR HEADING TOWARD THE FOUR-POINT MOORING SITE.

D. AN OKHTENSKIY-CLASS OCEAN RESCUE TUG (ATR) AND TWO KRONSHIADT-CLASS SUBMARINE CHASERS (PC) WERE ENTERING CIENFUEGOS HARBOR WHEN THE AREA WAS FIRST OBSERVED AT 1313Z.

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AT 1325Z THE TUG WAS PASSING THROUGH THE OPENED SECTION OF THE SUBMARINE NET, ONE KRONSHIADT WAS AT THE PIER AT CAYO ALCAITRAZ, AND THE OTHER WAS IN THE WESTERN PART OF THE BAY.

E. THE TWO SPECIAL-PURPOSE BARGES WERE AT CIENFUEGOS NAVAL BASE. ALSO AT THE NAVAL BASE WERE ONE KOMAR-CLASS GUIDED MISSILE PATROL BOAT (PTG), ONE SO-1-CLASS SUBMARINE CHASER (SC) (IN FLOATING DRYDOCK), AND TWO P-6-CLASS MOTOR TORPEDO BOATS (PT).

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